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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 9,10,15-17,25 and 26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8,11-14 and 18-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.


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Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-8, 11-14, and 18-24 have been elected for examination and claims 9, 10, 15-17, 25, and 26 remain non-elected.

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-8, 11-14, and 18-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

(a) Claim 1, it is not clear what is meant by "interruption resources" and by "saving ... based on a type for the received interruption".

(b) Claims 11 and 18, the same as (a).

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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5. Claims 1-8, 11-14, and 18-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mitsuhiro et al, U.S. Patent No. 5,155,853.

Mitsuhiro et al teaches the invention as claimed in claim 1 including a method for processing an instruction within a processor, the method comprising:

(a) executing an instruction within the processor, wherein the processor processes a plurality of types of interruptions (col. 2, line 52), wherein the processor comprises a plurality of interruption resources (col. 1, line 67; col. 2, line 13), and wherein a type of interruption can be associated with a specific interruption resource (col. 2, line 53),
(b) in response to an interruption, saving processor state information into an interruption resource based on a type of the received interruption (col. 6, line 6), and

further teaches as in claims 2-8,

(c) invoking an interruption handler to process the received interruption (col. 1, line 24; col. 3, line 20) – claim 2,

(d) wherein types of interrupts comprises aborts, traps, faults, and interrupts (can be any type) – claim 3,

(e) wherein the interrupt resources comprises a plurality of sets of interrupt control registers holding concurrently multiple sets of processor state information (col. 1, line 67; col. 2, line 15) – claims 4 and 5,

(f) saving a first set of processor state information into a first interruption resource in response to a first type of interruption (col. 5, line 37) and, prior to restoring, saving a second set of processor state information in response to second type of interruption such as a single step trap (col. 5, line 35; col. 4, line 66) – claims 6-8.

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The processor claims 11-14 and the program product claims 18-24 are equivalently rejected based on the same reason.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Uhler taught a method of interruption resources associated with different types of interruptions.

Dowling taught a method of using shadow register window to store processor state information.

Maupin taught a multiple sets of registers to respond to interrupts.

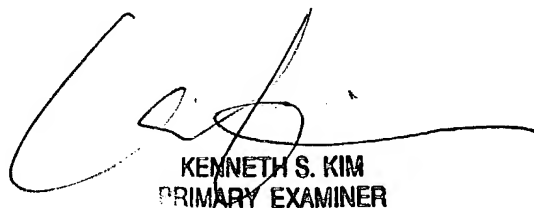
Beardsley et al taught a method of efficient response to multiple different types of interrupts.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth S KIM whose telephone number is (703) 305-9693. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-17:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart can be reached on (703) 305-4815. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular communications and (703) 872-9306 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

September 27, 2004



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